

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Amended): A composition to treat hepatic fibrosis in a subject comprising a therapeutically effective amount of unitary doses of viral particles of a recombinant adenoviral vector,

wherein said unitary dose is from about 10^7 to about 10^{14} viral particles;

wherein the adenoviral vector is the vector contained in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-10532;

and a pharmaceutically compatible carrier.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended): A method of delivering matrix metalloproteinase 8 (MMP-8) to the liver of treating hepatic fibrosis in a subject in need of delivery thereof, the method comprising delivering the composition of claim 22 by an intravenous administrative route to the subject.

25.-34. (Canceled)